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State Library adds new electronic resources

Change is in the air at the South Dakota State Library and the addition of 3 new electronic resources is just the beginning!

Beginning November 1, 2006, the following new electronic resources will be available at a statewide level:

American Newspapers—

Sioux Falls Argus Leader and Aberdeen American News. The full electronic edition of record (all staff written articles) of both newspapers will be available both in the library and remotely. Dorothy Liegl states “The State Library is very pleased to provide the South Dakota part of the electronic newspapers that were requested

during the last Legislative Session. This will provide access to two of the major South Dakota newspapers and should be helpful to students and citizens across the state. An additional benefit to libraries is the potential to subscribe to additional newspapers at a significantly reduced price.”

Learning Express Library—A

practice test database for all demographics! There are tests for everything from K-12 through adulthood, from 4th grade math diagnostic tests, to ACT and SAT practice tests, through adult continuing education and GED practice tests. Dr. Rick Melmer, SD Department of Education, said, “Learning Ex-

press Library features a wide assortment of tests that will benefit the citizens of our state. The program is easy to use and relevant to your learning needs. It would be an excellent resource for many South Dakota citizens.”

Gale Virtual Reference Li-

brary—A core collection of virtual reference books able to be used by multiple users at once both in library and remotely will provide reference resources to every library in the state. The six subject areas covered are: Business, Law and Government, Education, Medicine, Science, and History & Terrorism.

Training by the database

vendors will be provided in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Pierre and Rapid City the week of November 13-16. Please check the State Library webpage for more information (www.sdstatelibrary.com)

These new databases were recommended by the Electronic Resources Task Force (ERTF). The task force, formed at the request of the State Library Board, was appointed in May 2006. The members and their library types are:

Large Public Library
Shirley Arment, Alexander Mitchell Public Library

Small Public Library
Peg Williams, Potter County
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Mark Your Calendar!

Make plans to attend SDLA Legislative Day on January 16, 2007. We have a full day of events planned culminating in the Legislative Reception which will be held at the State Library from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Our theme for the day will be **Every Child Ready to Read @ your library.**

Tentative Schedule (check SDLA website for changes)

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| 7:45am - 9:45am | Senate Education committee |
| 8:30am - 11:00am | SDLA Board meeting |
| 10:00am - noon | House Education committee |
| 11:00am - 2:00pm | SDLA Exhibit Booth in Capital Rotunda |
| 1:30pm - 5:00pm | Leadership Development and Organizational Support |
| 5:30pm - 7:30pm | SDLA Legislative Reception at State Library |

We hope to see you there!!

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| January/February issue | Dec. 15 |
| March/April issue | Feb. 15 |
| May/June issue | April 15 |
| July/August issue | June 15 |
| September/October issue | August 15 |
| November/December issue | Oct. 15 |



From the President... Greta Chapman

Renew, Recruit and Celebrate is the theme I have chosen for the Presidential Goals for 2006 and 2007. These words imply change and remind us that organizational change is like the changing of the seasons. I like seasonal changes because I have convinced myself the cold isn't bad as long as the sun is out. I like snow, just not wind. And you can always count on the weather changing. At times it seems predictable but since there is no control over the weather, it is best to just accept. Weather is also a universal conversation piece, a common language. Change in libraries means we are faced with managing constant change. Conversation is the only way to make the best of it.

Some of the most recent changes in SDLA are in marketing strategies and procedural updates. Much has been accomplished. However, it has been 21 years since the function and struc-

ture of the SDLA has been reviewed. Questions have surfaced from the membership over the years that look like pieces of a puzzle. Conversations are scheduled to shed light in putting those puzzle pieces together. How our structure and functionality best serve the membership's needs to sustain enthusiastic, energized volunteers is a lot like the weather, acceptance of change and universal conversation. In those 21 years, libraries now have the Internet, DDN is available, public access computers are a daily reality and our state association has a website.

I hope each member will attend a Summit Meeting and the Leadership Development and Organizational Support Meetings. It is a time of changing seasons and only through our conversations will we design a vision for SDLA to meet the challenges ahead. SDLA Summit Meeting Dates using the Dakota Digital Network (DDN).

Nov. 13, 1-2:00 p.m. MT,
2 - 3:00 p.m. CT
Academic/Special/Health
Science Section

Nov. 27, 10-11:00 a.m. MT,
11-noon CT
Public Library Trustee and
Support Staff Section, Ac-
creditation and Certifica-
tion Committee

Dec. 18, 1-2:00 p.m. MT,
2 - 3:00 p.m. CT
Native American Roundta-
ble Startup Discussion

Locations at:
Aberdeen

NSU Lib. 117

Brookings

SDSU SPC205

Mitchell

MTI TC155

Pierre

CAP A

Rapid City

SDSM&T CB 109

Sioux Falls

USDSU

Spearfish

BHSU Lib011

Watertown

LATI

Vermillion

USD

Check the website for details!
www.sdlibraryassociation.org

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| Quarter-page, 6 issues | \$40.00 each |
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| Quarter-page, 3 issues | \$45.00 each |
| Half-page, single issue | \$100.00 |
| Quarter-page, single issue | \$50.00 |
| Column inch | \$9.50 |
| Business card ad | \$25.00 each |

SDLA Treasurer's Report as of October 17, 2006

**Financial information only
available to members**

SDLN Connection...

Ronelle Thompson

With the recent SDLN election the membership of the Executive Committee has now been determined.

Continuing members Ethelle Bean, Dakota State University and Elvita Landau, Brookings Public are joined by Colleen Smith, Huron Public, Nancy Saabe, Madison Public, and myself. In addition, State Librarian Dorothy Liegl serves as the representative of the Department of Education and Warren Wilson as the representative of the Board of Regents. The final member is the Executive Director of SDLN.

You will recall from the Advisory Council meeting in Rapid City that the previous Executive Committee

provided an update on the search for a new Executive Director. It was agreed that the members of that committee would continue to serve as the search committee unless a decision was made to reopen the search.

The decision to reopen the search for the Executive Director of SDLN has now been made. The newly constituted Executive Committee will serve as the search committee. Ours is a critical assignment. We need to identify an individual who is able to direct the day to day operations of SDLN while helping us, as member libraries, imagine the future of networks, ILS systems, and the technol-

ogy to maximize our financial investment while providing the best library services possible to our many users.

We are grateful to the retiring Executive Committee members for their tireless service on behalf of all of us—Patty Anderson, South Dakota School of Mines, Beverly Lewis, Rawlins Public Library, Pierre and most especially to Steve Marquardt, South Dakota State University who has served as Advisory Council Chair for the past two years. We wish him all the best in his forthcoming retirement!

New SDLA Members

Jacqueline Aspelin, Sully Area Library, Onida

Joanna Jones, Spearfish

Janet Hoff, Vermillion

Caitlin Lewis, Traverse City, MI

Richard Reitsma, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls

Grace Hammond, Rapid City Public Library

Susan Decker, Hot Springs

Maria Ceretti, Sioux Falls

Marjorie Brekke, Rapid City Public Library

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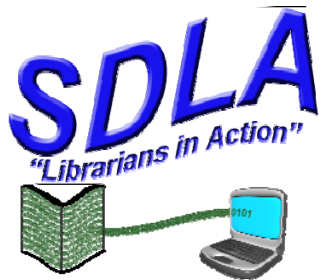
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Conference Highlights

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Support Staff Section:
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South Dakota State Univ.
Vice-Chair/Secretary, Amy
DeNomme, Siouxland Lib.

One hundred seventy seven library staff, trustees and librarians attend the South Dakota Library Association's annual conference in Rapid City.

A big thank you to the local arrangements team – Greta Chapman, Brenda Hemmelman, Heidi Archer, Kim Baumberger, Maryanne Rohrer, Ed Hughes, Teri Davis, Jeanne McCallister, Marguerite Cullum, and Greg Russ – as well as SDLA Past President Kevin Kenkel for all of the hard work and dedication to this year's conference.

The winners of the SDLA Election were also announced:

Vice-President/President Elect:
Robin Schrupp
Grant County Public Library

**Join us for the
annual conference
in Watertown
October 17-19, 2007**



Nancy Pearl signs books



Thursday lunch featured a performance by Three Voices "Speaking from the Past"



Ronelle Thompson hosted the Awards Ceremony.

George and Eleanor McGovern Library & Center for Leadership and Public Service dedication



McGovern speaks at the dedication. Photo from Dakota Wesleyan.

The George and Eleanor McGovern Library and Center for Leadership and Public Service was

dedicated October 7, 2006. President Bill Clinton and other dignitaries spoke at the event. The library opened its doors to the public on August 28th, 2006, providing a new, state-of-the-art facility for

the campus community and public users. The new building offers 45,000 square feet for library collections, student study space and classrooms, and a 2,500 foot Legacy space honoring George and Eleanor McGovern.



The Thirty-ninth Annual Dakota Conference on History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology
April 20-21, 2007, Sioux Falls, SD

Theme: Railroading the Plains

Call for paper and session proposals on railroads and other topics related to the Northern Great Plains are also welcome.
Submission Deadline: January 26, 2007

Send paper title, one-paragraph summary, and biographical sketch to
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Book Review



Corporals Cooks and Cowboys: African Americans in the Black Hills and Surrounding Areas by Lilah Morton Pengra. Buffalo Gap, SD, 2006.

The genesis of Ms. Pengra's book was writings she did for an exhibition of photographs and artifacts at The Journey Museum in Rapid City. She has added to and adapted the labels and study guides written for that 2000 exhibition to create this history of Afri-

can Americans who lived in and around the Black Hills.

The professions listed in the book's title were chosen because they were practiced by early black settlers and because they symbolize some of the issues faced by these settlers. "Corporals" refers to military service rendered by blacks and also to the fact that, because of their race, they were not allowed to rise above the rank of corporal. Blacks were often confined to service jobs, but within this limited sphere, many chose the profession of cook because it was valued in their culture. "Cooks," then, represents the ability to make positive choices. "Cowboys" are included because blacks made up at least 20% of this

profession, but are often left out of histories in deference to the myth of the white cowboy.

The book is divided into three parts—I. "General Topics," II. "The Social Environment," and III. "African Americans Living in and Close to the Black Hills." Each part contains short selections, ranging in length from one to twelve pages. In part I and II selections are on different topics related to Black history, such as "Celebrating Our Mothers' Kitchens," "Opportunity in the Army," and the "Ku Klux Klan." Part III consists of histories of individuals and families.

A focus and strength of the book are its many photographs. From a grainy representation of Deadwood miners in the 1880's to an artistically lit shot of a musical family featured in a 1954 issue of *Ebony* the photographs include a variety of people and experiences. The photographs will appeal to history buffs and also draw in readers unfamiliar with the topic.

To write the text of the book the author makes use of a variety of sources including oral histories, newspaper articles, flyers, census records, military records, and published histories.

Although she does not provide in-text citations or footnotes, Ms. Pengra does include a list of resources at the end of each selection. The author notes that information was often hard to come by, contradictory, or incomplete. It is her hope to elicit information from readers, make additions and revisions, and publish a new edition.

Corporals Cooks and Cowboys is an interesting and informative book that will appeal to many types of readers. Students from middle school to college age will find it a good source for ideas for projects and papers. The short selections and spiral-bound format of the book make it easy for teachers to use in their classrooms. People looking for some good general reading will probably enjoy the general selections in first two parts of the book more than the individual and family histories in the third part which contain so many details they can be confusing.

Because it can be used and enjoyed by a variety of readers, I recommend this book for all middle school, high school, public, and academic libraries in South Dakota.

By Linda Kott
SDSU, Briggs Library

Keeping the edge... for 125 years! Celebrating the History of Dakota State University. 255 pages \$ 20.00

Keeping the edge...for 125 years! reveals the history of Dakota State University in three parts. Part I focuses on the mission change and recent history with chapters by politicians and DSU faculty and administrators. How did the mission change unfold? What happened behind the scenes? The inside story of the mission change is told from the perspectives of former Governor William Janklow (written by Marshall M. Damgaard) and former South Dakota Congressman Jerome Lammers. Lynn Ryan and Nancy Moose provide faculty views. Ernest Teagarden, professor emeritus, describes the history from the mission change to the present, and former DSU President Jerald Tunheim tells the tale of the university after the mission change. Part II, "Images & Memories," includes over 100 pages of photographs from the 1880s to the present and provides recollections of alumni and staff that were collected as part of an oral history project in 1981. Part III contains chronologies of DSU history, buildings, people, and events

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State Library Study Results...

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School District

Non Regental Academic
Lisa Brunick, Augustana
College

Regental Academic Library
Vickie Mix, South Dakota
State University

State Agency
Wade Pogany, Dept. of Edu-
cation

In June 2006, nine databases were evaluated by Task Force members and library staff statewide. Two hundred sixty-nine evaluations were returned from libraries throughout the state. These evaluations helped the Elec-

tronic Resources Task Force to determine which databases the State Library should offer.

Selection of new databases and review of existing contracts will continue on a regular annual schedule. Starting spring 2007, there will be database trials in late February through March. The Electronic Resources Task Force will make recommendations to the State Library Board and new databases will be added by early fall based on availability of funds. Suggestions of databases to be trialed can be submitted to the ERTF members or the State Library Electronic Services Coordinator (julie.erickson@state.sd.us).

They Captured the Moment: Dakota Photographers 1853-1920 by Robert Kolbe with Brian Bade. Pine Hill Press, 2006. 227 pgs.



Kolbe and Bade connect readers with those who recorded Dakota history through photography. They have painstakingly recorded the names of photographers as well as the where and when the photographer operated. The reader may browse these lists of photographers by name, town or decade. The book includes two photo sections "to help illustrate this areas visual history, display the type of work done and hopefully assist those doing research". Take a few moments to become lost in the history of the Dakotas as captured by these photographers.

SDLA Executive Board Meetings & Minutes

Minutes from the SDLA Executive Board minutes will be posted, upon their approval, on the SDLA web site at www.sdlibraryassociation.org/leader/minutes.asp

The next board meeting will be held during Legislative Day, January 16 in Pierre.

MPLA News

Three South Dakota Librarians were selected to attend the MPLA Leadership Training Institute Oct. 29 - Nov. 3, 2006 at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico.

Annie Brunskill, Reference/Government Documents Librarian at SD State Library; Jan Brue Enright, Circulation and Reference Librarian at Mikkelsen Library at Augustana; and Vickie Mix, Reference Librarian at Hilton M. Briggs Library at SDSU were the South Dakota librarians selected to attend.

SDLA members may submit an application for the MPLA Leadership Training Institute in the Spring of each year. Two or three librarians from each of the MPLA states are

selected to attend the Leadership Training.

Ten free one-year MPLA memberships were given during the 2006 SDLA Convention, held in Rapid City, SD. Five of the winners were announced by Sharon Osenga, MPLA President, at the Awards Banquet. Five winners were also announced at the Joseph Bruchac author luncheon, which ended the Conference.

Winning the 10 free on-year MPLA memberships were Karen Wiechmann, Siouxland Libraries; Krysten Hager, Rapid City Public; LeAnn Kaufman, Marion Public School; Katie Jensen, L. Matthews High School Library in White River; Melinda Ellenson, Huron Pub-

lic Library; LeeAnn Paananen, Hearst Library in Lead; Joyce Moore, Vermillion Public Library; Reata Weyrich, Whitewood Public Library; Carin Schleicher, Siouxland Libraries; and Elizabeth Uhrig, Rapid City.

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